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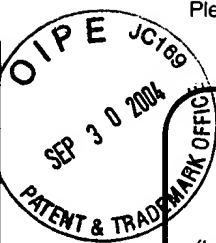
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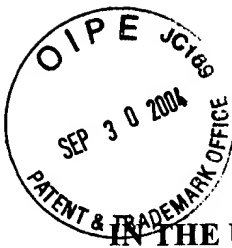
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Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 8 of this paper.